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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Status Reviews of 10 Species in Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Mexico**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation of reviews; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are conducting 5-year status reviews under the Endangered Species Act of 10 animal and plant species. A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the last review for the species.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, we are requesting submission of new information no

later than **INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER**. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** For how to submit information, see **Request for Information** and **How Do I Ask Questions or Provide Information?** in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on a particular species, contact the appropriate person or office listed in the table in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **Why Do We Conduct A 5-Year Review?**

Under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires us to review each listed species' status at least once every 5 years. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing those species under active review. For additional information about 5-year reviews, refer to our

factsheet at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html>.

### **What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?**

A 5-year review considers all new information available at the time of the review. In conducting these reviews, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the listing determination or most recent status review, such as:

(A) Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;

(B) Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;

(C) Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;

(D) Threat status and trends in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the ESA); and

(E) Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Any new information will be considered during the 5-year review and will also be useful in evaluating the ongoing recovery programs for the species.

## Which Species Are Under Review?

The species in the following table are under active 5-year status review.

ANIMALS						
Common Name	Scientific Name	Listing Status	Current Range	Final listing rule ( <i>Federal Register</i> citation and publication date)	Contact Person, Phone, Email	Contact Person's U.S. Mail Address
Fountain darter	<i>Etheostoma fonticola</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	35 FR 16047 10/13/1970	Adam Zerrenner, 512–490–0057 (office phone), 512–577–6594 (direct line), or Adam_Zerrenner@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758
Jollyville Plateau salamander	<i>Eurycea tonkawae</i>	Threatened	Texas (USA)	78 FR 51277 8/20/2013		
Robber Baron Cave meshweaver	<i>Cicurina baronia</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	65 FR 81419 12/26/2000		
Texas blind salamander	<i>Typhlomolge rathbuni</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	32 FR 4001 3/11/1967		
Arkansas River shiner	<i>Notropis girardi</i>	Threatened	Arkansas, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas (USA)	63 FR 64772 11/23/1998	Jonna Polk, 918-382-4523 x224 (office phone), or Jonna_Polk@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oklahoma Ecological Services Field Office, 9014 East 21st Street, Tulsa, OK 74129
Ozark big-eared bat	<i>Corynorhinus</i> (= <i>Plecotus</i> ) <i>townsendii ingens</i>	Endangered	Arkansas, Missouri , and Oklahoma (USA)	44 FR 69206 11/30/1979		

PLANTS						
Davis' green pitaya	<i>Echinocereus viridiflorus</i> var. <i>davisii</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	44 FR 64738 11/7/1979	Adam Zerrenner, 512–490–0057 (office phone), 512–577–6594 (direct line), or Adam_Zerrenner@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758
Hinckley oak	<i>Quercus hinckleyi</i>	Threatened	Texas (USA)	53 FR 32824 08/26/1988		
Nellie cory cactus	<i>Coryphantha minima</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	44 FR 64738 11/7/1979		
Cochise pincushion cactus	<i>Coryphantha robbinsorum</i>	Threatened	Arizona (USA) and Mexico	51 FR 952 1/9/1986	Jeff Humphrey, 602–242–0210 (phone) or Jeff_Humphrey@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services Office, 9828 North 31st Avenue, #C3, Phoenix, AZ 85051–2517

## **Request for Information**

To ensure that a 5-year review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. See **What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?** for specific criteria. If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

## **How Do I Ask Questions or Provide Information?**

If you wish to provide information for any species listed above, please submit your comments and materials to the appropriate contact in the table above. You may also direct questions to those contacts. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

## **Public Availability of Comments**

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by

appointment, during normal business hours at the offices where the comments are submitted.

### **Completed and Active Reviews**

A list of all completed and currently active 5-year reviews addressing species for which lead responsibility falls under Service offices located in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas can be found at [http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/ElectronicLibrary\\_Main.cfm](http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/ElectronicLibrary_Main.cfm) (go to “Select a Document Category” and select “5-Year Review”).

### **Authority**

This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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